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29 August 1967

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General George A. Godding  
Deputy J-2, MACV**

**SUBJECT : Transmittal of Draft Estimate**

1. Per our telephone conversation, I am herewith sending you one copy of the 28 August 1967 draft of National Intelligence Estimate 14.3-67: CAPABILITIES OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS FOR FIGHTING IN SOUTH VIETNAM, together with one copy of the draft Conclusions (29 August 1967). This copy is for your personal use in briefing senior members of the US Mission in Saigon prior to our visit next week. I must request that the attached draft not be reproduced in any way and that it be shown only to General Westmoreland, General Abrams, General Davidson, Ambassador Komer and, if he desires to see it, Ambassador Bunker.

2. In discussing the attached document with the persons mentioned above, will you please take great pains to emphasize that this is a draft and not in any way a final product or, in its present form, a formal USIB document. It is, of course, imperative that the contents of this draft not be divulged in any manner to unauthorized persons, i.e., anyone other than the individuals specifically enumerated above.

**George A. Carver, Jr.**

**Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs**

**Attachments**

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